

OVID G. SPARKS.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4534.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4534) to grant a pension to Ovid G. Sparks, have examined the same and report:

The claimant under this bill was a soldier in the Florida Indian war of 1836, but having served a little less than the thirty days required by law is not pensionable at the Bureau. He is 84 years of age and without property, and hence your committee feel justified in waiving the matter of length of service, and granting him a pension by special act.

The passage of the bill is recommended after being amended as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Ovid G. Sparks, who served in Captain J. A. Meriweather's company of the battalion commanded by Maj. M. A. Cooper, in the Florida Indian war of 1836, and pay him a pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

Also amend the title of the bill so as to read: "A bill granting a pension to Ovid G. Sparks."